Manager of the Book Keeping Store Fukaya-dou Today's Haiku
"THIS MYSTICAL SWORD I WONDER IF THE OWNER WAS A GREAT HERO."
THAT ONE MUST BE FROM BC...
looks away
SHIVER
SHIVER
SHIVER
SHIVER
SHIVER
SHIVER
NOT THE BC ERA AGAIN!

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"I AM LATE FOR SCHOOL
I AM DEFINITELY SCREWED
WHAT SHOULD I DO NOW?"

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Age unknown, nationality unknown. This mysterious man is the manager of the book keeping store Fukayadou. Fukaya Shinichiro was suddenly left to manage this store, and now leads a life filled with fantasy. A store filled with the extraordinary is opening ———

The only promise is to "keep books in their best condition."

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Welcome ——
This "book keeping store"
holds onto books that owners
have to let go of for whatever
reason, and keeps them in their
best condition ——

第一話：本の恋

Chapter 1 - A Book's Love

sfx whoosh
rustle rustle
UGH.
I DON'T BELIEVE IN FANTASIES!
I DON'T BELIEVE IN FANTASIES....
IN FANTA-SIES...!!
WELCO-ME,
PRESI-DENT SHINI-CHIRO.

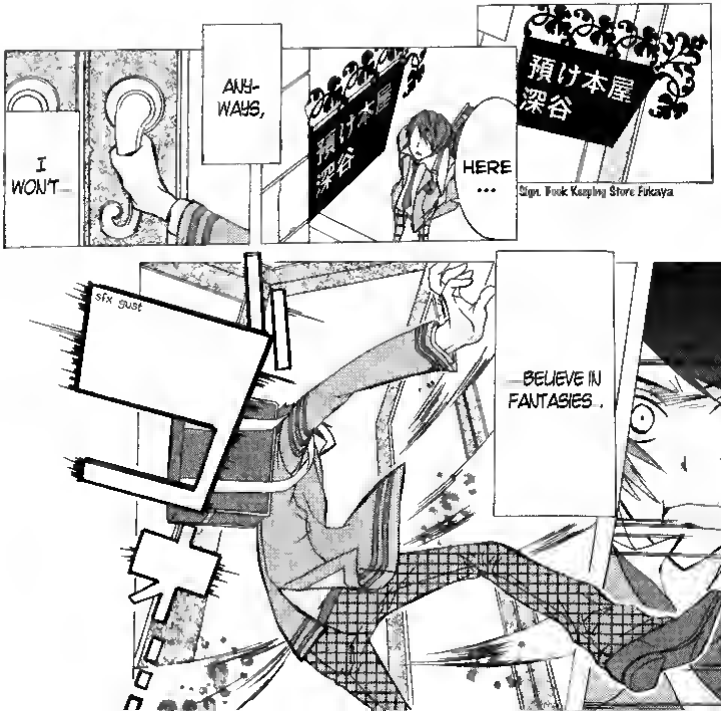
sfx: whoosh
...
...HUH?
CALM
WHY?!
This is unfair!
IT'S RANGE IS LIMITED,
Help
BUT THERE'S A TORNADO INSIDE!
YES?

IT'LL STOP WHEN IT CALMS DOWN.
OH, I SEE.
WAIT, WHO DO YOU MEAN?!
MY APOLO-GIES.
I AM...
...THE MANAGER OF THIS BOOK-STORE.
sfx whoosh
SINCE IT'S YOUR FIRST DAY HERE,
LET'S RELAX AND HAVE SOME TEA WHILE I EXPLAIN.
RELAX?!
IN THIS SITUATION?!
Wait.
sfx grind grind grind
MY STOMACH HURTS.
FIRST OF ALL,
THIS...

MY GRANDFATHER IS THE PRESIDENT OF A LARGE TOY COMPANY,
AND I, FUKAYA SHINICHIRO,
WAS DECIDED TO LEAD A BORING LIFE,
MOVING ALONG TRACKS ALREADY LAID OUT FOR ME
THAT'S WHY I DON'T BELIEVE IN FANTASIES.
SHINICHIRO, I'LL TRUST YOU WITH RUNNING A SHOP.
thunk
GRANDPA, ARE YOU GOING SENILE?
I'M STILL IN HIGH SCHOOL.

EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE MY GRANDSON, YOU'VE GROWN UP TO BE SUCH A BORING MAN...
sigh
THAT STORE,
IS AN ODD BOOKSTORE THAT KEEPS ITS CUSTOMER'S BOOKS.
MYSTERIOUSLY, THE STORE DECIDES WHO RUNS IT.
YOU'LL DEFINITELY BE LIKED,
SHINICHIRO.

I DON'T UNDERSTAND.



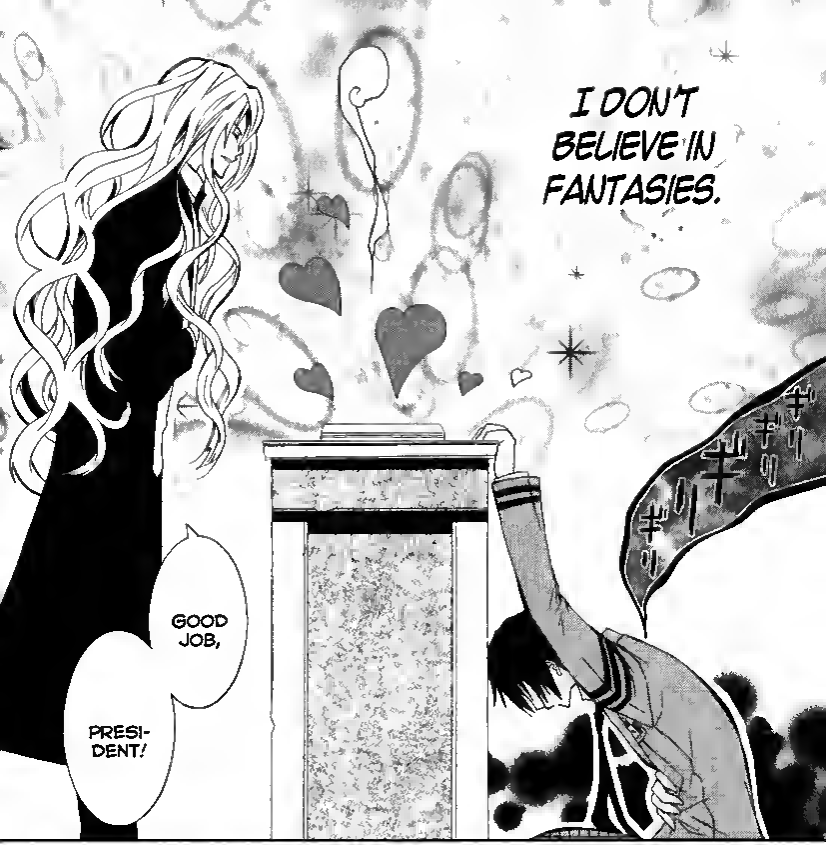
HAVE SOME TEA.
CLATTER
THANKS ...
SO THIS HAPPENED,
THAT OLD MAN...
CLATTER
THIS "BOOK KEEPING STORE,"
TAKES CARE OF BOOKS YOU CAN'T KEEP YOURSELF.
BE IT SOMETHING YOU WANT TO KEEP PRIVATE,
OR IN PRISTINE CONDITION,
WE HOLD ONTO THOSE BOOKS.

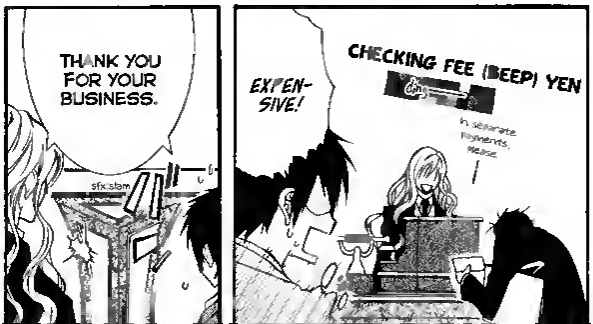
SOMETIMES, TROUBLES COME ALONG...
...WITH THE BOOKS THAT ARE BROUGHT IN, LIKE RIGHT NOW.
THIS STORE PROMISES ONE THING,
TO "KEEP BOOKS IN THEIR BEST CONDITION."
THAT'S IT.
Whoosh
Can't ann-
OH, I SEE...
ANY-WAYS, ISN'T THAT MAN A CUSTO-MER?
YES.
SHOULDN'T WE HELP HIM OUT?
THAT'S RIGHT!
DO SOME-THING!
I DON'T NEED A GROSS BOOK THAT KEEPS COMING BACK...
...NO MATTER WHAT I DO WITH IT.

I'LL PAY WHATEVER YOU ASK FOR! PLEASE, JUST TAKE IT AWAY!!
IT SEEMS LIKE...
...THE BOOK DOESN'T WANT TO PART WITH ITS OWNER.
IT'S LIKE...
...I'M A DIVORCE ATTORNEY...
...LISTENING TO HORROR STORIES ABOUT A MARRIED COUPLE...
PRECISELY. WHAT'S FLOWING OUT OF THIS BOOK...
...IS LOVE...
...FOR ITS OWNER.
AH
GEEZ!

CUT IT OUT!
HE'S NOT THE ONLY FISH IN THE SEA!
PLOP
PLOP
bounce

HALF OF THIS WORLD...
...IS MADE UP OF...
...MEN!
WHAT AM I SAYING...
...TO AN INANIMATE OBJECT!?
YOU'LL FIND ANOTHER MAN...
...SOON ENOUGH...
HOLD ON.
SE-RIOUSLY,
NO,


I DON'T BELIEVE IN FANTASIES.
GOOD JOB, PRESI-DENT!


THANK YOU FOR YOUR BUSINESS.
sfx:slam
CHECKING FEE (BEEP) YEN
EXPEN-SIVE!
In separate payments, please.

ONCE AGAIN,
I FORMALLY WELCOME YOU...
AS THE PRESIDENT OF THIS BOOK KEEPING STORE.
A BOOK STORE THAT KEEPS BOOKS...
...AFTER CHARGING EXORBITANT PRICES.
DOES THAT MEAN...
...I PASSED THE TEST?
WHAT A WEIRD MANAGER.
I, BUSINESSMAN,
FUKAYA SHINICHIRO,
AM STILL A HIGH SCHOOL KID.

SO... HOW DO WE CLEAN THIS UP?
THIS IS THE BEGINNING OF DAYS FILLED WITH STOMACH ACHES.
The☆台風一過
I WAS REALLY ...
...WAITING FOR YOU.
I WAS WAITING FOR YOU...
...FOR 100 YEARS...